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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy,
and Water Development,
and Related Agencies
U.S House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mike Simpson Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy, and Water Development, and Related Agencies U.S House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson,

- 1. I am respectfully requesting that you please support a total FY22 funding level of \$750,000 of the \$10,000,000 authorized in WRDA 2020 Sec. 147. Repair and Restoration of Embankments to assess the cause of damage to the embankment at Lake Waco on Lake Shore Drive in Waco, McLennan County, Texas. The bill language contained in the WRDA 2020 reauthorization would direct the Secretary to assess the cause of damage to the embankment at Lake Waco on Lake Shore Drive, and, if necessary, participate in the restoration and repair of the embankment. Funding from WRDA 2020 Sec. 147. Repair and Restoration of Embankments will start the process of collaboration between the City of Waco and the Army Corps of Engineers to determine both the causes of this embankment destabilization at Lake Waco and solutions to presently foreseeable public safety hazards and environmental degradation at this very important location.
- 2. I am respectfully requesting that you please support at least the enacted funding level of \$713,000,000 in the Department of Energy Office of Science Nuclear Physics to include funding for the Texas A&M Cyclotron Institute at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, which is a Department of Energy University Facility jointly supported by Department of Energy and the State of Texas.
- 3. I am respectfully requesting that you please support at least the enacted funding level to include \$5,000,000 for the Department of Energy Nuclear Energy Integrated University Program to include funding for Texas A&M University's partnership with the Nuclear

Energy University Program. Texas A&M University will continue to use Integrated University Program funds to support students studying nuclear-related fields, and continued funding of this program will allow Texas A&M in College Station, Texas to maintain student research and workforce development support, which will benefit the growth and development of local industry in and around the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

4. I respectfully request robust funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Navigation Construction needs in support of deep draft ship channels in Texas like the Sabine-Neches Waterway, which will be served by the new I-14 Central Texas Corridor as it winds its way across the 17th Congressional District of Texas and provide a direct link to export markets for our locally produced natural gas.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in the projects described above.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions (TX-17)

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Member of Congress